

Appendix 1

Part D

Summary of Comments by Tribal Government Representatives October 16, 2003 Consultation Meeting

Below is a summary of the comments, suggestions and questions recorded by the consultant under contract to Caltrans during the October 16, 2003 consultation meeting. Where available, the commenter is identified.

- Identify spray areas along state and county routes.
- What is the process for subcontract site bidding?
- Address county roads.
 - How can/should we [tribal governments] give input to plans?
- Communicate long-term planning process.
- Is there a need for a legislative fix?
- How do tribes work with congestion management agencies and other agencies?
 - Southern California Reservation Transportation Authority - more power together
 - Tribal groups in this area could get together.
- Bay Area Partnership
 - All government entities involved in transportation and environmental issues
 - Potential involvement opportunity (MTC idea)
- Educational needs of tribal groups (Lake County)
- Tribes like to have a seat on the council of governments.
- Check if there is a Native American monitor.
 - Archeological issues
 - Cultural issues
- Need to recognize non-federally recognized tribes.
- What committees can tribal people sit on?
- Consider tribal council changes (roles).
- Money issues
 - Do any transportation programs match dollar for dollar?
 - Tribal government concerns must be considered in transportation plans.
 - State law – 75% for regional transportation agencies, 25% for Caltrans
- Move toward inclusive plan.
 - Working together
 - Opportunity for matching funds
- Lists of possible tribal projects?
 - Some tribes working on lists.
- Use consultation process for communication.
- Relationship building (Liz DeRouen, Chairperson, Dry Creek Rancheria)
 - Challenges
 - Limited improvement areas
 - Government-to-government relational problems
 - Please discuss tribal concerns with tribe.
 - Desire to be part of the planning process
- What can consultants do for us in the future? (Vicky Macias, Tribal Administrator Cloverdale Rancheria)
- Please be patient with the tribes.
 - Give time to organize their infrastructure.

- Address transportation as a whole.
- Bureaucracy – how to get from point A to B (learning the process)
- Urbanized Indian challenge
 - What is happening dollar for dollar in counties?
- Similar goals – economic goals in communities
- Hope this is the start of long-term relationship and dialogue (Caltrans)
 - Resources available to tribes
 - Caltrans hopes to understand tribal needs.
 - Potential memorandum of understanding (MOU) in future; how can we work together and address issues that arise?
- Patience please (MTC)
 - Include views in long-range transportation plan.
 - Long-term mechanism?
 - Transportation authority or MOU?
- Indian involvement adds strength and character.
- Strive to work together (similar to when Native Americans were asked to run in a marathon to celebrate the construction of highways).